Payroll jobs continue to rise in Victoria

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Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia, Week ending 14 November 2020

Payroll jobs rose 0.4 per cent in Victoria over the fortnight to 14 November and 0.1 per cent nationally, according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today.

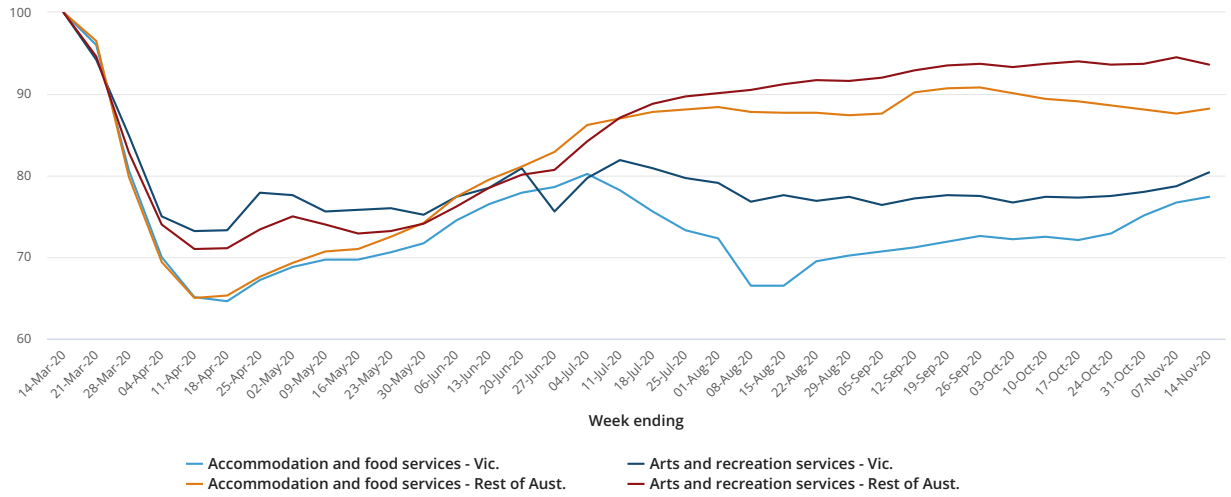
Bjorn Jarvis, head of Labour Statistics at the ABS, said: “The latest data showed further signs of a recovery in Victoria with a rise in payroll jobs for the third consecutive fortnight, however they remain 5.4 per cent lower than mid-March.”

“Nationally, payroll jobs also rose for the third fortnight in a row, but remain 2.9 per cent lower than mid-March.

“Accommodation and food services and Arts and recreation services industries continued to be the most affected across Australia. By 14 November, these industries had recovered around three out of five payroll jobs lost since mid-April (58.7 per cent and 62.4 per cent).

“In Victoria, payroll jobs in Accommodation and food services and Arts and recreation services each rose 3.1 per cent in the fortnight to 14 November, compared to a rise of 0.8 per cent for each industry nationally.”

Payroll jobs by selected industries and geography, indexed to the week ending 14 March 2020



The end of the calendar year is a time of pronounced seasonal increases in employment, and should be considered when interpreting changes in payroll jobs data over the period.

Further information is available in Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia (/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/latest-release) .

The ABS acknowledges the continued support from the Australian Taxation Office in enabling the ABS to produce the statistics providing weekly insights into the Australian labour market.

Media notes

- Payroll jobs and wages data are only available for 2020 and the data are not seasonally adjusted. The seasonal changes accounted for in the longstanding Labour Force statistics should be considered when interpreting recovery in employment statistics through the COVID period.

- This release includes information on payroll jobs paid through Single Touch Payroll enabled software to the Australian Taxation Office.
- In each release, as more complete data are received, payroll jobs and wages estimates (including percentage change movement and indexes) are revised.
- While the ABS accounts for employees being paid with different frequencies, there are points in the year when additional reporting activity is more likely to occur, which may flow through to published estimates.
- Estimates of payroll jobs by industry subdivision through to the week ending 14 November will be added to this release on Wednesday 2 December 2020.
- The additional ABS products being published to understand the economic impact of the coronavirus can be found on the ABS COVID-19 page (https://www.abs.gov.au/covid-19) .
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